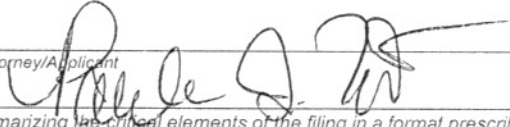


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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA _____ County ONSLOW		File No. 23E 88 In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before The Clerk	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Name Of Decedent/Minor/Incompetent THOMAS ANTHONY BASSANO		ESTATES ACTION COVER SHEET	
Date Of Birth: [REDACTED]/2019		Date Of Death (if applicable): 05/26/2017	
Name Of Fiduciary 1 CAROL A. BASSANO		Name Of Fiduciary 2	
Telephone No.	Email Address	Telephone No.	Email Address
All persons listed below may be entitled to share in the decedent's estate (Continue on back if necessary.)		Name, Mailing Address, PO Box, City, State And Zip Of Attorney (complete for initial appearance or change of address) PAULA J. YOST PO BOX 1385 MT PLEASANT NC 28124	
1.	CAROL A. BASSANO		
2.	THOMAS A. BASSANO JR.		
3.	KEITH J. BASSANO	Telephone No. 704-436-2263	Cellular Telephone No. 704-280-3624
4.	SUZANNE T. BASSANO	NC Attorney Bar No. 51166	Attorney Email Address paula@countrylawshack.com
5.	DAVID J. BASSANO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Appearance in Case <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address	
6.		Name Of Firm The Law Office of Paula J. Yost	Fax No. 704-436-2512
APPLICATION			
(check appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit For Collection Of Personal Property - Intestate (AFCP) <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit For Collection Of Personal Property - Testate (AFCT) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ancillary Administration (ANCL) <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment Of Receiver (APRC) <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Of Title (ASOT) <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Fee (ATFE) <input type="checkbox"/> Caveat (CAVT) <input type="checkbox"/> Collector (COLL) <input type="checkbox"/> Continue (CNTN) <input type="checkbox"/> Elective Share (ELSH) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Removal Of Guardian (Without Hearing) <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplified Administration (EXAD) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Of Time (EXTM) (see NOTE) <input type="checkbox"/> General Guardianship - Incompetent (GUIN) <input type="checkbox"/> General Guardianship - Minor (GUMI) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship Of The Estate - Incompetent (GUEI) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship Of The Estate - Minor (GUEM) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship Of The Person (GUPE) <input type="checkbox"/> Letters Of Administration (LOAD) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Personal Representative (LTPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Payments To Clerk 28A-25-6 (PYCL) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition To Reopen Estate (REOP) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition To Sue As Indigent (OTHR)		<input type="checkbox"/> Power Of Attorney (POAT) <input type="checkbox"/> Probate, Letters Testamentary - Administration CTA (PROB) <input type="checkbox"/> Proceeding Exam To Discover Assets (PEDA) <input type="checkbox"/> Removal/Substitution Of Fiduciary (RRFD) <input type="checkbox"/> Removal/Substitution Of Trustee (RSOT) <input type="checkbox"/> Renunciation Of Interest - Estate (RNIE) <input type="checkbox"/> Renunciation Of Interest - No Estate (RNUN) <input type="checkbox"/> Renunciation Of Testamentary Trustee (RNTT) <input type="checkbox"/> Resignation Of Trustee (RSNT) <input type="checkbox"/> Standby General Guardianship - Minor (SGUG) <input type="checkbox"/> Standby Guardianship Of Person - Minor (SGUP) <input type="checkbox"/> Summary Administration (SUMA) <input type="checkbox"/> Summary Removal Of Personal Representative (Without Hearing) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust (TRST) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust - Cemetery (TCEM) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Under Will - Qualification And Accounting Required (TRUW) <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Under Will - Qualification Required, No Accountings (TRNQ) <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Dismissal - With Or Without Prejudice (VOLD) <input type="checkbox"/> Will For Probate - No Qualification (WLPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Year's Allowance (YEAL) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify and list each separately)	
Date 01/12/2023		Signature Of Attorney/Applicant 	
NOTE: All paper filings in estates shall include as the first page of the filing a cover sheet summarizing the critical elements of the filing in a format prescribed by the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts. If not included, the Clerk of Superior Court shall file the document(s), notify the party that the filing does not include the required cover sheet, and grant the party no more than five days to file the cover sheet. For subsequent paper filings, the filing party must include either an Estates (AOC-E-650), Motion (AOC-CV-752), or Court Action (AOC-CV-753) cover sheet.			
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Name Of Decedent/Minor/Incompetent/Trust

THOMAS ANTHONY BASSANO

2023 JAN 26 A 9:35

OATH/AFFIRMATION

ONSLOW CO., C.S.C.

N.C. Constitution, Art. VI., Sec. 7; G.S.11-7, 11-11; 28A-7-1

I, the undersigned, do solemnly ☐ swear ☒ affirm that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as indicated below;

☐ so help me, God. ☒ and this is my solemn affirmation.

(check office below)

☐ OATH OF ADMINISTRATOR

I ☐ swear ☐ affirm that I believe that the above named decedent died without leaving any Last Will and Testament; that I will well and truly administer all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased and a true and perfect inventory thereof return according to law; and that all other duties appertaining to the charge reposed in me, I will well and truly perform, according to law and with my best skill and ability;

☐ so help me, God. ☐ and this is my solemn affirmation.

☒ OATH OF EXECUTOR

I ☐ swear ☒ affirm that I believe this paper writing to be and contain the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent; and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying the decedent's debts and then the decedent's legacies; as far as the said estate shall extend or the law shall charge me; and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an executor, agreeably to the trust and confidence reposed in me, and according to law;

☐ so help me, God. ☒ and this is my solemn affirmation.

☐ OATH OF ADMINISTRATOR CTA

I ☐ swear ☐ affirm that I believe this paper writing to be and contain the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent; and that I will well and truly execute the same by first paying the decedent's debts and then the decedent's legacies, as far as the said estate shall extend or the law shall charge me; and that I will well and faithfully execute the office of an administrator cta to the best of my skill and ability and according to the law;

☐ so help me, God. ☐ and this is my solemn affirmation.

☐ OATH OF FIDUCIARY

I ☐ swear ☐ affirm that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties reposed in me according to the best of my skill and ability, and according to law;

☐ so help me, God. ☐ and this is my solemn affirmation.

Name Of Fiduciary 1

CAROL A. BASSANO

Name Of Fiduciary 2

Signature Of Fiduciary

Carol A. Bassano

Signature Of Fiduciary

☐ SWORN ☒ AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

☐ SWORN ☐ AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

Date

1-8-2023

Date

Signature Of Person Authorized To Administer Oaths

Adib E. Abboud

Signature Of Person Authorized To Administer Oaths

☐ Deputy CSC ☐ Assistant CSC ☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

☐ Deputy CSC ☐ Assistant CSC ☐ Clerk Of Superior Court

☒ Notary

Date My Commission Expires

10-11-2027

Date My Commission Expires

☐ Notary

SEAL

County Where Notarized

BERGEN, NJ

County Where Notarized

SEAL

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Notary Public, State of New Jersey
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BY

APPOINTMENT OF
RESIDENT PROCESS AGENT

G.S. 28A-4-2(4); 35A-1213(b)

I, the qualified personal representative or guardian of the above named estate, submit to the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Courts in the above captioned matter, and appoint the resident process agent named below on whom may be served citations, notices and processes in all actions or proceedings with respect to this estate.

Name, Street Address, PO Box, City, State And Zip Code Of Resident Process Agent

PAULA J. YOST

5605 HWY 49 N

MT PLEASANT, NC 28124

Date

1/8/2023

Name Of Personal Representative Or Guardian (type or print)

CAROL A. BASSANO


Telephone

704-436-2263

County Of Residence

CABARRUS

Signature Of Personal Representative Or Guardian



ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

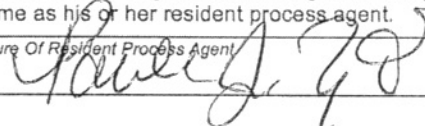
I accept this appointment as resident process agent for the above named personal representative or guardian, and agree to notify the personal representative or guardian of all citations, notices and processes served on me as his or her resident process agent.

Date

Name Of Resident Process Agent (type or print)

PAULA J. YOST

Signature Of Resident Process Agent



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Name Of Decedent

THOMAS ANTHONY BASSANO

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INVENTORY

FOR DECEDENT'S ESTATE

G.S. 28A-15-2, 28A-20-1

IMPORTANT: File within three (3) months after qualifying. Itemize and give values as of date of decedent's death. Continue on additional sheet if necessary.

I, the undersigned personal representative, being duly sworn, say that to the best of my knowledge the following is a just, true, and perfect inventory of all the real and personal property of the decedent named above, which has come into my hands or into the hands of any person for me as personal representative of the estate.

PART I. PROPERTY OF THE ESTATE

		VALUE
1. Accounts In Sole Name Of Decedent (List bank, etc., account type, and balance. Do <u>not</u> list account nos.)		
		\$ 0.00
		0.00
		0.00
		0.00
2. Joint Accounts <u>Without</u> Right Of Survivorship (List bank, etc., account type, balance, and joint owners. Do <u>not</u> list account nos.)		
	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
3. Stocks And Bonds In Sole Name Of Decedent Or Jointly Owned <u>Without</u> Right Of Survivorship (Identify each type of security and give market value of all securities of that type, e.g., 100 shares of XYZ Corp. common stock at 37-1/4...\$3,725.)		
	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
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	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
	% Owned By Decedent	0.00
4. Cash And Undeposited Checks On Hand		
		0.00
		0.00
5. All Other Personal Property (e.g., vehicles, household furnishings, farm products, equipment, tools)		
		0.00
		0.00
		0.00
		0.00
		0.00
6. Real Estate Willed To The Estate, Directed By The Will To Be Sold, And Sold (Attach legal description and proceeds of sale for each parcel.)		
		0.00
ADDITIONAL AMOUNT CARRIED OVER FROM ATTACHMENT (if applicable)		\$ 0.00
TOTAL PART I. (Costs apply to this total)		\$
7. Real Estate Willed To The Estate, Directed By The Will To Be Sold, And Not Sold (Attach legal description of each parcel and give fair market value at date of death.)		
	\$	0.00
8. There <input type="checkbox"/> is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not a pending lawsuit that involves the decedent.		

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PART II. PROPERTY WHICH CAN BE ADDED TO ESTATE IF NEEDED TO PAY CLAIMS					
1.	Joint Accounts With Right Of Survivorship (<i>List each account and give names of other joint owners and total amount on deposit in each account. Do not list account nos. Attach copy of deposit contract/signature card unless already attached to application.</i>)	VALUE			
		\$			0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
2.	Stocks/Bonds/Securities Jointly Owned With Right Of Survivorship Or Registered In Beneficiary Form And Automatically Transferable On Death (<i>Identify each type of security and give market value of all securities of that type, e.g., 100 shares of XYZ Corp. common stock at 37-1/4...\$3,725.</i>)				
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
3.	Other Personal Property Recoverable (G.S. 28A-15-10)				
					0.00
					0.00
4.	Real Estate Except Entireties Property, Life Estate And Real Estate Willed To Estate (<i>List legal description and give fair market value of each parcel of decedent's interest at date of death.</i>)				
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
TOTAL PART II.					\$

	PART III. CLAIMS FOR WRONGFUL DEATH	
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There ☒ is ☐ is not a potential claim for wrongful death arising under G.S. 28A-18-2. The following attorney, if any, has been retained to file the action, and the civil action, if any, has been filed in the following court or jurisdiction:

Case No.

1	Title

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION
FOR PROBATE OF OUT-OF-STATE
WILL OR CODICIL

G.S. 31-11.6, -46; 10 U.S.C. 1044d(d)

I, the undersigned, applying for probate, being first duly sworn, say that:

1. The decedent was physically present in the state of NEW JERSEY at the time of the testamentary document's execution.
2. The decedent was domiciled in the state of NEW JERSEY at the time of the testamentary document's execution.
3. The decedent was domiciled in the state of NEW JERSEY at the time of death.
4. The testamentary document referenced in the attached ☒ Application For Probate And Letters (AOC-E-201)
☐ Application For Probate (AOC-E-199) ☐ Application For Probate And Petition For Summary Administration (AOC-E-905)
☐ Affidavit For Collection Of Personal Property Of Decedent (AOC-E-203) was executed in the state of NEW JERSEY
on 10/08/2013 (date) and is valid for probate in North Carolina because:
 - ☐ a. Its execution complied with the laws of North Carolina ☐ at the time of execution, ☐ at the time of death of the testator, as shown by the attached documentation and legal authority.
 - ☐ b. Its execution complied with the law of the jurisdiction in which the testator was physically present at the time of execution, as shown by the attached documentation and legal authority. This documentation substantiates that any and all requirements for the testamentary document to be proved a valid will under the law of that jurisdiction as it existed at that time have been met, even if it was never probated there.
 - ☒ c. Its execution complied with the law of the place where the testator was domiciled ☐ at the time of execution, ☒ at the time of death of the testator, as shown by the attached documentation and legal authority. This documentation substantiates that any and all requirements for the testamentary document to be proved a valid will under the law of that place as it existed at that time have been met, even if it was never probated there.
 - ☐ d. It is a military testamentary instrument executed in accordance with the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 1044(d) or any successor or replacement statute.
5. The testamentary document referenced in the attached Application ☒ was ☐ was not probated in another state. (If the document was probated in another state, a copy of the Certificate of Probate from the other state should be attached to this document.)

NOTE: G.S. 31-11.6(d) provides: "Any will recognized as valid under G.S. 31-46(1) or (2) and shown by the propounder to have been made self-proved under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the testator was physically present at the time of execution or the place where the testator was domiciled at the time of execution or at the time of death shall be considered as self-proved." Persons proceeding under that subsection should provide sufficient documentation as to affirmatively show that the will was made self-proved under the laws of that state.

NOTE: G.S. 31-11.6(e) provides: "A military testamentary instrument executed in accordance with the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 1044(d) or any successor or replacement statute shall be considered as self-proved."

Signature Of Applicant <i>Carol A. Bassano</i>	
Name Of Applicant (type or print) CAROL A. BASSANO	
SWORN/AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME	
Date 1.8.2023	
Signature Of Person Authorized To Administer Oaths <i>[Signature]</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant CSC <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Of Superior Court	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary	Date Commission Expires 10.11.2027
County And State (Or Country) Where Oath Administered BERGEN, NJ	
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